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TALC AND CARRIER
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Docket: P-0023-US

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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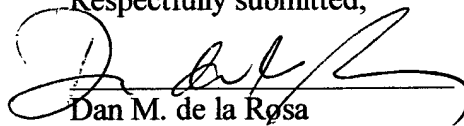
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Dated: March 15, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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